



By the King. (99)

## A PROCLAMATION

For Preventing the Fears and Dangers that may arise from the Concourse of Papists,  
or Reputed Papists, in or near the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*,  
during this present Sitting of PARLIAMENT.

CHARLES R.

Whereas Our most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in this present Parliament Assembled, have besought Us, That We would be Graciously pleased to Issue out Our Royal Proclamation, Thereby Requiring all Papists, or reputed Papists, Who now are or remain within Five Miles of Our Cities of London and Westminster, or Our Burrough of Southwark, not being Householders, nor Attending any Peer of this Realm as a Menial Servant, to repair to their respective Dwellings, or to depart Ten Miles from the Cities and Burrough aforesaid, and not to return during this Session of Parliament. Provided, That it may be permitted for any Papist, or reputed Papist, to return unto the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, Who shall first obtain a Licence therefore under the Hands of any Sir of the Lords of Our Privy Council; And that We would be pleased to give Order to the Quarter Sessions, That they give in unto Us an Account of what Householders now are within the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, and Five Miles thereof, Who are of that Profession; And that the Quarter Sessions do Adjourn them-

selves from time to time for that purpose. Which Address of theirs We have seriously Considered, and do with much Contentment and Satisfaction Accept; And as We have always manifested Our Zeal for the Preservation of the True Religion Established in this Kingdom, and to hinder the Growth and Increase of the Popish Religion, so We are now ready upon this Occasion to prevent all Fears and Dangers that may arise by the Concourse of persons of that Profession, in or near Our Cities of London or Westminster. We therefore, by this Our Royal Proclamation, do straightly Command and Require all Papists, and reputed Papists, Who now are, or remain within Five Miles of Our Cities of London and Westminster, or Burrough of Southwark, not being Householders, nor attending any Peer of this Realm, as a Menial Servant, That they do before, or upon Monday next at the farthest, being the Nineteenth of this instant January, repair to their respective Dwellings, or depart Ten Miles from the Cities and Burrough aforesaid: And, That they, nor any of them do presume to return during the Sitting of Parliament, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils. Provided always, That this Our Proclamation shall not extend to Prohibit any Papist, or reputed Papist, from returning unto the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, Who shall first obtain Licence therefore under the Hands of any Sir of the Lords of Our Privy Council. And We do hereby further Charge and Command Our Justices of the Peace, of and for Our Cities of London and Westminster, and for Our several Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex, That at their next Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said respective Cities and Counties, They make diligent Enquiry within their respective Jurisdictions, and give in unto Us an Account of what Householders now are within the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, or within Five Miles thereof, Who are of that Profession; And that they do cause the said Quarter Sessions to be Adjourned from time to time for that purpose, as occasion shall require.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Fourteenth day of *January*, in the Five and twentieth year of Our Reign, 1674.

God save the King. (100)

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